

Lt. Col. Roy Vernon

Commander, 421st Medical Battalion (Multifunctional)

Lt. Col. Roy Vernon entered active service in the United States Army in November of 1989 as an Operating Room Technician and Medic. Soon after arriving at his first duty assignment with the 2nd Mobile Surgical Hospital (MASH), Fort Benning, Georgia, he deployed with his unit in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Upon return, Vernon applied for and accepted a 2-year scholarship into the Green to Gold program and departed to The Florida State University. After graduating from The Florida State University with a degree in education, Vernon was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps and after attendance in the Officer Basic Course was assigned to the 2nd Forward Support Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea



Vernon served as an Ambulance and Treatment Platoon Leader supporting 2nd Infantry Division Operations across the peninsula. Once complete with this tour, Vernon attended and graduated from the Army's Basic Parachutist Course (Airborne School) and was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment (2/504 PIR), 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. While assigned to the 2/504 PIR Vernon conducted numerous training deployments. Significantly, 2/504 PIR deployed to Panama for one of the last Jungle Operations Training Center rotations. Vernon served in numerous other positions while assigned at Fort Bragg culminating in the Command of Charlie Company (Airborne), 261st Area Support Medical Battalion. During his time at Fort Bragg, Vernon conducted numerous training and operational deployments. Vernon deployed to Honduras 1998 supporting Hurricane Mitch relief efforts.

Vernon then returned to the Republic of Korea where he served as the Operations Officer for the 2nd Forward Support Battalion. Upon returning from Korea, Vernon was assigned as an instructor for the Army Medical Departments Captain Career Course. While in the Assignment Vernon deployed to Afghanistan in support of OEF 1. Upon completion his assignment at Fort Sam Houston Vernon returned to Fort Bragg where he was assigned as a Medical Operations Officer in USASOC. Subsequent positions at Fort Bragg were the Current Operations Officer for 44th MEDCOM and the Executive Officer for the 261st Multifunctional Medical Battalion where he deployed with the unit for 15 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09. Upon redeployment Vernon returned to the National Capital Region where he was assigned as an operations officer on the Headquarters Department of the Army Staff. After completing his Army Staff assignment Vernon was assigned as the Operations Officer of the 1st Medical Brigade where he deployed once again, this time in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 12. Significantly during this deployment Vernon and his operations section developed several key theater wide initiatives that supported a reduction in the overall medical footprint without any degradation in lifesaving surgical care. Vernon arrived in Germany in July 2013 where he served as the Deputy G3 for Europe Regional Medical Command.

Vernon is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College, the Combined Arms Service and Staff School, the Joint Medical Planners Course, and the Army Medical Departments Basic and Advanced Courses.

Vernon's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (3 Awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (7 Awards), the Army Commendation Medal (4 Awards), the Army Achievement Medal (3 Awards), the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2 Awards), the Meritorious Unit Citation (2 Awards), the Afghan Campaign Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Liberation of Kuwait Medal (Saudi Arabia), the Liberation of Kuwait Medal (Kuwait), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Medal (ISAF), the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Field Medical Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge.